providing an end cap with a flange, a boss portion and at least one engagement portion,

providing a tubular housing with at least one circumferentially extending finger,

inserting the boss portion of the end cap into the housing such that the flange abuts an axial end of the housing and the engagement portion is aligned with the finger,

and providing an axially projecting ridge on the engagement portion and deforming the finger radially so that an axially inner edge of the finger axially engages the ridge to prevent axial movement of the end cap with respect to the housing.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein a part of the ridge is sheared by the finger thereby firmly holding the end cap to the housing.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 11, including the steps of

providing a plurality of pairs of said fingers and radially deforming each pair of fingers into a respective engagement portion of the end cap, each finger having an axially inner edge which extends at an incline to a plane orthogonal to an axis of the housing, the axially inner edge being brought into contact with an axially outer surface of the ridge by radially deforming and continuing to radially deform the finger causing the inner edge of the finger to exert an axial force on the ridge of the engagement portion to clamp the end cap to the housing.

Please add new claim 15 as follows:

--15. The method of claim 11, further including:

providing a recess in the engagement portion, the recess extending through the flange and into the boss portion;

providing the ridge on an axially inner surface of the recess and extending the ridge along a radially outer peripheral edge of the recess; and

deforming the finger radially into the recess and into axial engagement with the ridge, thereby shearing a part of the ridge.--